

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

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Please amend paragraph [0025] as follows:

FIG. 1 shows a block diagram of a community builder system 100 according to an embodiment of the application. The community builder system 100 includes a community builder tool 102 configured to manage one or more templates 108 describing the behavior of a community of members 112 sharing a primary interest, identify the community of members 112 using a people finder tool 114 , and create one or more community places 110 based on the identified community of members. The community places 110 can allow the community of members 112 to share information and applications over one or more communication conversation channels 116 such as electronic-mail (email) over a computer network. The templates 108 may include data describing the characteristics of the community place 110 , roles that the members are assigned to in the place, and information and applications the members have access to in the place. As a result, a community of members who share a primary interest can share information with other members in an efficient manner.

Please amend paragraph [0026] as follows:

The community builder employs community templates which may include predefined templates according to [[a]] community types including human interest, corporate interest, interest in cross-discipline knowledge exchange, interest in the same business objects, interest in the same tool, interest in the same organization, interest in the same activity, or other interests. These community types are described in further

detail below with reference to FIG. 2 of the application. The members of a community may communicate over predefined communication channel types including an operational type, strategic type, up-to-date type, or other types. These predefined channel types are described in detail below with reference to FIG. 3 of the application.

Please amend paragraph [0037] as follows:

FIG. 4 is a table 400 showing the relationship between conversation message types 402 between a community and its members which may be based on the community type 404 . For example, a “Tools and methods” oriented community, such as a group of people who share an interest in “MS-Office”, may be able to communicate using conversation channels having messages related to “Questions and Problems” about “MS-Office” tools. Likewise, an “Activities” based community 308 , such as a group of people who have an interest in “Teaching,” may wish to communicate over conversation channel having messages directed to a “Best Practice” corresponding to the particular interest. Similarly, a “Service Offering” related community 410 , such as a group of people who share an interest in “Training”, may [[be]] decide to communicate over a conversation channel using messages directed to “Resource Coordination” about training. In a similar manner, an “Interest” based community 412 , such as a group of people who share an interest in the “Java” programming language, may be served by a conversation channel with messages including “New Info Resources Opinions” about the programming language. It should be understood that this list of conversation channels and message types represent examples and one skilled in the art would add more or modify these elements depending on the requirements of the application.

Please amend paragraph [0043] as follows:

The community builder tool also may allow a member, such as an administrator, to assign different access permissions to information in a community place. For example, some members may be assigned all rights including read and write permission whereas other members of the community may be assigned only read access. These permission levels may be dynamically updated later based on the circumstances of the community. A member also may be able to select communication tools including synchronous tools (e.g., phone) and asynchronous tools (e.g., email) based on the community type (See FIG. 5). For example, a member can choose to notify (e.g., to invite the members to the community, share information, etc) the members of the community using mechanisms such as mail, short message service (SMS) and instant messaging and control the type of information sent to the members including unrestricted access to all information, just news, questions, and/or other combinations of information. A member may be able to define the community of members as having a primary focus and further defining the community by adding borders that cross one or more classifications. For example, a community of member can be defined who have an interest in "people motivation" or "leadership." This community can be further classified according to other criteria. Predefined messages may be sent to the community of members based on a role of the member and a conversation channel type. For example, this community may qualify as an "Interest"

based community directed to the “people motivation” which may include exchanging messages such as ideas, tips, and insights related to “people motivation.” (see FIG. 3)